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Medicare-Medicaid Program (MMP) Interim Authorization Guidelines

Dear Valued Provider:

As the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to spread throughout the United States, we appreciate that providers across the country are on the front line to offer dedicated care to our Medicare-Medicaid Members, as well as our communities.

We know it's more important than ever to be committed to our members' health and make it as easy as possible for you to focus on delivering safe, efficient, and quality care. Therefore, the following measures have been implemented:

Note: guidelines below apply to our MMP plan during the emergency declaration period. State and federal mandates may supersede these guidelines.

Inpatient level of care	<p>Precertification requirement is waived for urgent transfer of patients from acute inpatient site of care to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNF • AR • Long-term acute care hospital (LTACH) <p>Concurrent review for continued stay at these facilities will begin on the first business day after transfer.</p> <p><i>Please note that precertification rules may be applicable to elective transfers in some areas.</i></p>
Prior authorization	<p>Timeframe will apply for 180 calendar days for all services.</p>

Admission notification still applies in order for us to concurrently review and provide discharge/transition of care planning support.

Thank you for your continued partnership,
Cigna MMP CarePlan